

REMARKS

The Phone Interview Based on the Advisory Office Action

Applicants appreciate that the Examiner extended a phone interview on December 5, 2006 on this case. Based on the Advisory Office Action and the Examiner's suggestion, the applicants submit this response to cancel all the claims stand rejected and put the application into the condition for allowance.

Claim Status and the Advisory Office Action

Claims 2-17 are pending in this case. Claims 7 and 8 had been rejected in the Advisory Office Action as being obvious.

Per the discussion in the phone interview and the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants hereby cancel Claims 7 -8 and their dependent claims 9-11 and Claim 17. It is believed that these amendments have removed all the rejected claims and put the application in allowable condition.

There is no other amendment in this response and there is no new matter added therein.

Request for One-month Extension of Time

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding final Office Action and pay herewith the fee. Should any additional fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain the Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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